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1. FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION IS FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO MR. PETER T. COLEMAN, ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, SAIPAN, QUOTE:
DEAR MR. COLEMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 10, 1976, AND YOUR KIND INVITATION TO ATTEND THE OFFICIAL CEREMONIES MARKING THE TRANSITION OF KUSAIE ISLAND TO THE STATUS OF ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 4 TO 8, 1977.

MRS. KLEPPE AND I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO PERSONALLY ATTEND THE CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES, BUT BECAUSE OF COMMITMENTS HERE IN WASHINGTON, WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT.

THIS IS A GREAT AND HISTORIC OCCASION FOR THE LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF KUSAIE ISLAND, AS WELL AS FOR THE ENTIRE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT. I HAVE THEREFORE ASKED MR. ALBERT C.
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ZAPANTA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY - MANAGEMENT, TO SERVE AS MY OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE.

WITH BEST WISHES FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

SINCERELY YOURS,

THOMAS P. KLEPPE
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
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